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LETTER DATED 17 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I consider it my duty to inform you of the aggression committed by the Republic of Armenia against the territories of the Kazakh, Tauz and Zangelan districts of Azerbaijan. The fact that these districts are situated at a very considerable distance from the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic and on the immediate frontier with the Republic of Armenia is itself evidence that the aggression is being committed by the Republic of Armenia and not by anyone else.

As is apparent from the military report of the past few days coming from Azerbaijan, the main targets of the most recent attack by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia were districts of the Azerbaijani Republic located far from the borders of the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic.

Zangelan district, Azerbaijan. More particularly, the Armenian troops are continuing their persistent attacks on settlements in the Zangelan district of Azerbaijan, which is on the frontier with the Republic of Armenia and has no common border with the Nagorny Karabakh region of Azerbaijan now occupied by Armenian armed forces. To date, seven villages in the Zangelan district of Azerbaijan have been captured by the army of the Republic of Armenia (the villages of Seidlyar, Kungyshlak, Agkend, Pirveis, Dereli, Djanbar and Yukhary Keyali). The following frontier villages of the Zangelan district together with the district centre, the town of Zangelan, are under continual fire from the territory of the Republic of Armenia: Akbiz, Ashagi-Emezli, Orta Emizli, Yukhary Emizli, Karababa, Kuyuderekheshteb, Otuzinji, Sheiflyu, Shaiyfly, Yusiflar, Karagel, Kechikly, Shotariz, Beshadly, Malatneshin, Kologyshlak, Sobu, Meshadi Ismailly, Razdere, Veshnali.

Testimony of Mr. El-Said, United Nations Representative in Azerbaijan, and the Acting Head of the mission of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Baku. During its recent visit to the Zangelan district, the mission came under fire from Armenian positions in the Azerbaijani territories in this district which have been captured by the Armenian Republic. In his report to United Nations Headquarters, New York, Mr. El-Said writes as follows: "In Zangelan, which is located in the south-west of Azerbaijan, only a few kilometres from the Armenian border, the mission encountered evidence of

shelling of civilian targets. While visiting the village of Kologislak in the Zangelan area, the mission came under fire, apparently from Armenian-held positions on Azeri territory".

Tauz district, Azerbaijan. The Republic of Armenia is conducting aggressive combat operations in the Tauz district of Azerbaijan, which, like the Zangelan district, has no common border with the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic, occupied by Armenia. The villages of Gajally, Myulkyulyu, Alibeili, Agdam, Chokhnabi, Asrikjirdakhan, Agbulak, Kiran, Mudjuglu and Kosha, and also the district centre, the town of Tauz, are under constant fire.

Testimony of the United Nations mission headed by Mr. El-Said. Having visited this district, the United Nations mission was able to see for itself the widespread destruction of civilian buildings in the town of Tauz and the surrounding villages: "In Tauz, some 20 kilometres from the Armenian border, in the north-western part of Azerbaijan, the mission was shown destroyed houses and public buildings in the centre of the town and in nearby villages".

Kazakh district, Azerbaijan. The district of Azerbaijan most severely affected by the Armenian aggression is the Kazakh district, which does not adjoin the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic, occupied by the army of the Republic of Armenia. In the Kazakh district of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Armenia has captured six villages (Baganis Airym, Barkhudarly, Yukhary Askipara, Ashagi Askipara, Sofulu and Kheirimli). The settlements in this district are systematically subjected to air attacks, artillery shelling and tank fire. The villages of Kemerly, Farakhly, Kushchu Airym, Mazanly, Abbas Beili, Allout, Kyzylgajyly, Djafarli and Bala Djafarli in the Kazakh district of Azerbaijan are fired on by the Republic of Armenia practically every day.

Testimony of the leader of the United Nations mission. He describes in the following terms what he saw in this district, to which he came after his visit to Tauz: "The last visit of the mission was to the nearby Kazakh district which is located closer to Armenia. The mission noted that the border lines in this area were very confusing. The mission was informed that some Azeri enclaves in Armenia had been occupied since April 1992. In July 1993, a number of villages on the Azeri side of the frontier were occupied by Armenian troops. While visiting the Kazakh district, the mission saw widespread destruction apparently by Grad missiles, tanks and 122 mm artillery".

In the light of the foregoing, I urge you to reflect in a resolution of the Security Council the above facts concerning the aggression by the Republic of Armenia against the Azerbaijani Republic, to require the leaders of the Republic of Armenia to withdraw their armed forces from the captured and occupied lands of the Azerbaijani Republic, and to take with respect to the aggressor, the Republic of Armenia, the necessary measures provided for in Article 41 of the Charter of the United Nations during the period of the complete and unconditional withdrawal of all the occupying forces from the captured territory of the Azerbaijani Republic.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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